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Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
February 20, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 10:15 a.m., followed by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Henry Geryk, Chairman
William Gallagher
Michael Torchio
John Viola
Frank Norton
Pauline Lally
William Young
Jennifer Revill
Leo Fahey
Dan Dumont

Board Members Not Present:

Mark Fortune

Guests Present:

Carrie Torrisi, Assistant General Counsel
John Rogers, DPS Chief of Insp. - Mechanical
Brian Logan, Supervisors of Eng. Inspectors
Cesar Lastra, Technical Code Coordinator
Dave Bolduc, Applicant
Dion DeGrace, Applicant
Mike Cannistraro, Applicant
Fred White, Applicant
Manuel Chaves, ACCA
Kristin Monfette, Notch Mechanical
Dough Neveu, Notch Mechanical
Chuck Borstel

2. A motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting was made by John Viola, seconded by William Young; motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. A motion to enter into record the minutes from the November 7, 2012, meeting was made by William Young, seconded by Mike Torchio; motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. The following applications for licensure were considered by the Bureau:
 - Applications from David Bolduc to sit for the Pipefitter Master and Refrigeration Contractor exams were considered. Mr. Bolduc was present at this meeting. **A motion to approve Mr. Bolduc's applications for Master Pipefitter and Refrigeration Contractor, was made by Jack Viola, seconded by Mike Torchio; motion passed by unanimous vote, Frank Norton abstained.** Following brief discussion, Leo Fahey made motion that the vote be amended to allow Mr. Bolduc to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam and the Journeyman Pipefitter exam at this time, and be allowed to sit for the master/contractor licenses after one year, motion seconded by John Viola; motion passed by unanimous vote, Frank Norton abstained.

- Application from Dion DeGrace to sit for the Refrigeration Contractor exam was considered, Mr. DeGrace was present at this meeting, and provided Bureau members with a copy of his current resume. **A motion to approve Mr. DeGrace's application was made by Frank Norton, seconded by William Young; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Applications from Michael Cannistraro to sit for the Master Pipefitter and Refrigeration Contractor exams were considered, Mr. Cannistraro was present at this meeting. **A motion to allow Mr. Cannistraro to sit for Refrigeration Technician and Journeyman Pipefitter at this time, and be allowed to sit for the master/contractor licenses after one year was made by Leo Fahey, seconded by William Young; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Application from Fred White to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. White was present at this meeting. **A motion to approve Mr. White's application was made by John Viola, seconded by Leo Fahey; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Application from Seth Garczynski to sit for the Sprinkler Journeyman's exam was considered, Mr. Garczynski was not present at this meeting. It is noted that Mr. Garczynski's application includes a transmission document page that refers to an attached letter, which was not included with the application. **A motion was made by Pauline Lally, seconded by Dan Dumont, to postpone consideration of this application until the applicant can be contacted to provide the missing letter.**
- Application from John Meade to sit for the Refrigeration Contractor exam was considered, Mr. Meade was not present at this meeting. **A motion was made by William Young, seconded by Leo Fahey, to allow Mr. Meade to sit for the Refrigeration Contractor exam; motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- Application from Kelly Castilloux to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Ms. Castilloux was not present at this meeting. **A motion was made by John Viola, seconded by William Young, to continue consideration of Ms. Castilloux's application until she can be present to answer questions from the Bureau regarding her education/apprenticeship; motion passed by unanimous vote.**

5. Old Business

- a. The Chairman clarified that public comments regarding this matter will not be heard by the Bureau at this time. Chief Rogers addressed the Bureau regarding the new pipefitting legislation, which was signed by the Governor last Friday, and authorizes the Bureau to create categories for the pipefitting license. It was clarified that the Bureau does not have the option of leaving the license structure as it is, and that a classification structure within the pipefitting license, including process piping, welding, and apprentice, must be established. The Chairman presented a flowchart to illustrate the proposed classifications. It was also clarified that there would be a 'grandfather' period for people who can provide proof that they are qualified for a process pipefitter license to be issued such license. The Chairman asked that the Bureau consider re-writing the definition of process piping for the next meeting. The matter of the apprenticeship piece of the pipefitting license was discussed, and that the Division of Apprentice Training will have to be notified of the new legislation, and the need to now accommodate process piping in their training curriculum. In order to meet the July 1st deadline to write applicable regulation as prescribed by the legislation, DPS has suggested that the Bureau produce draft regulations in

response to this legislation by April 1; the Chairman recommended that the Bureau meet every two weeks in order to accommodate this timeline.

- b. Leo Fahey made a motion that no further applications for process pipefitting be considered until the new regulation is in place, seconded by John Viola; motion passed by unanimous vote. Additionally, approximately 10 applications for consideration under the grandfathering clause of the new legislation have already been received by the Department. Leo Fahey made a motion that these applications be 'tabled' until the new regulations are in effect, motion seconded by William Young; motion passed by unanimous vote.
- c. It was agreed that the Bureau will meet next on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 10:00, location to be determined, based on availability of room in Taunton. An available alternative site proposed by Leo Fahey is the union training center at 40 Enterprise Street in Dorchester.
- d. Bill Gallagher asked if the Board of Boiler Rules has approved adding gasfitting language to the Board's new regulation; the Chairman stated that this has been included in the draft of the new regulation.

6. New Business

- a. The Chairman brought to the attention of the Bureau that there is a discrepancy between what the regulation requires for pipefitting, and what is required on the license application. It was pointed out that these forms will be changed shortly along with the new regulation.
- b. Leo Fahey asked what the status is of a study that the Department would be conducting regarding the hiring of new inspectors and how that would be funded, since funding for additional inspectors has been withdrawn in the supplemental budget. Chief Rogers explained that he has written a report with recommendations as to how the Department should proceed with ensuring that inspectors are adequately qualified to respond to enhanced responsibilities of the engineering inspectors. Leo Fahey asked if this report is available on the website, but was told that this report is for internal use only.
- c. Manuel Chaves introduced himself to the Bureau, as a boardmember of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America, expressing that board's interest in the work being done by the Bureau.

7. With no remaining topics on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

**Action items to be addressed at the next meeting are indicated by an asterisk*

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will tentatively be on Wednesday, February 27, 2013.